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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Inventor: **Paolo MARELLI et.** ) Group Art Unit: 1732  
Serial No.: 09/892,464 ) Examiner: Mathieu D. Vargot  
Filed: June 28, 2001 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
MANUFACTURING AN OPTICAL )  
FIBRE CABLE AND CABLE SO )  
MANUFACTURED )

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated February 18, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for producing a tube containing an optical fiber, classified in class 264, subclass 1.28; Group II, Claim 27, drawn to a tube with an optical fiber therein, classified in class 385, subclass 109; and Group III, Claims 28-31, drawn to an apparatus for making a tube containing an optical fiber, classified in class 425, subclass 113.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for producing a tube containing an optical fiber, classified in class 264, subclass 1.28.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and  
charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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